

Via Zoom

I. Welcome and introductions—Dr. Norton.

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Dr. Norton.

II. Updates from the Dean—Dr. L. Lee Hamm

- a. Been in critical meetings much of the day [regarding the power outage that happened today]. Dean has been meeting with facilities but doesn't have great up to date information. From what he heard; the power outage is the result of another animal incident. This is a power company issue not an animal issue. Other cities have animals too. Latest estimates suggest power will be restored by 9am tomorrow morning. Doesn't have confidence that it will be 9 am. He doesn't know what to say. Must fix list. There is a zoom meeting after this one with dept chairs and section chiefs. There may be people on that call that know more regarding what is going on. Will notify if there is a change in clinics. Extraordinarily high priority. Every lab ought to have backup power.

Question from regarding red (emergency backup) plugs. Answer: No update on that. Is it affecting clinics at TMC? Answer: They are on generator power. Faxes are out. Closed faculty dining room to eat but they were running out of things to eat. They carried on but very dangerous in parking garage (without lights). Plans are to be there tomorrow.

Hospitals are on generators. JBJ has generators. JBJ has generators but vivarium does not. This causes inhospitable conditions including animal stench for everyone working in the JBJ. For Hutchinson, there are NO generators. Patient care is affected via radiology. The Radiology Dept. has only half an MRI with HCA.

There are a lot of angry Faculty today. We are seeing a lot of wasted money in animal experiments.

Is there a concrete plan ongoing? Utility [contracts] are negotiated at the University level so the School of Medicine's hands are tied to do something.

Response from faculty: A letter will be written to President Fitts, Provost Foreman, and Chief Operating Officer Norton. We will send something today and follow up next week with something more extensive next week.

This interruption is expensive and demoralizing for faculty and staff. This interruption affects the productivity in all 3 of Tulane's missions, research, teaching, and service. This Hutchinson building problem needs to be put onto the agenda of the next University Senate meeting. This interruption is largely preventable and can have deleterious effects.

III. Updates from Faculty Affairs- postponed

IV. Faculty Feedback—Backup Power and outdoor spaces—Dr. Norton.

- a. Entergy paid out 600 million to shareholders after Hurricane Ida and we are still paying \$10 a month Hurricane Ida expense. Tulane, being the largest private employer of the city, needs to bring Entergy to a meeting.

V. Next Steps—Dr. Norton

- a. Current Vice Chair, Dr. Marcia Glass will not be able to serve as Chair of the GMY next year. We need to come up with a contingency plan. We typically alternate clinical faculty and basic science faculty. Is this type of scenario addressed in the By-laws? There will be an election for the Chair

of the GMF. Another option would be to convince Aimee Aysenne to run again. Using the role of the faculty advisory committee to address GMF chair. Looking at the composition of the FAC. There may be some opportunities to share ideas putting forward on the By-laws.

- b. Looking into the diversity of the committees. Current tenured associate or full professors are limited. Last time P&H was going, 7 people refused the position. Need recommendations for nomination committee.